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Knox College, Toronto
December 20th, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by the Executive Committee of the Graduate Students' Union to express to you their desire for permanent graduate-student club rooms of a suitable character.

The Executive Committee believe that, if possible, such rooms should be obtained either in University College or in Hart House, and that, in choosing them, provision should be made for a reasonable increase in the Union's membership, due to an increased enrolment in the Graduate School.

If you should desire it, a committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, would be pleased to discuss with you the subject of this letter.

Yours very truly
Donald R. Cowan
Secretary
Graduate Students' Union.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

Article 1. Then Society.

1. The Society shall be known as the Graduate Students' Union of the University of Toronto.

2. The object of the Union shall be to promote social and intellectual intercourse among graduate students of the University.

Article 2. Members.

1. Members shall consist of all students registered under the Board of Graduate Studies, who have paid their fee in accordance with Art. 5. Sec. 1.

2. Other graduates of this or other Universities who are interested in the objects of this Union shall be admitted as members on a majority vote of the members of the Union at any regular meeting.

Article 3. Officers.

1. The Officers of the Union shall consist of;

(a) An Honorary President, who shall be a member of the Board of Graduate Studies.

(b) An Honorary Secretary who shall be the Secretary of the Board of Graduate Studies

(c) A President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, each to be elected from different Departments, and a number of Councillors, not more than one from each of the remaining Departments desiring representation.

Article 4. Meetings.

1. A quorum shall consist of twelve members.

2. The first meeting of each academic year shall be held in the third week of October, for the purpose of holding elections,

and shall be of a social character.

3. Regular Meetings shall be held every three weeks, except during periods of vacation.

4. The first meeting of the Easter Term shall be held within ten days of the opening of the Term.

5. The last meeting of the Easter Term shall be the Annual Meeting, when reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors shall be presented.

N.B. The date of the Annual Meeting shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

Article 5. Finance.

1. The annual fee shall be two dollars ($2.00).

In case the funds so require, the Union may be empowered by a two-thirds vote of the members ~~present at any regular meeting~~, to make an adequate levy on each member.

2. The funds of the Union ~~remaining~~ at the end of the academic year shall ~~be entrusted to the Bursar of the University until~~ remain deposited in ~~to~~ a Bank after ~~the following elections~~.

3. The records of the Union shall be deposited ~~in~~ with the ~~University Library~~ Secretary of the Board of Graduate Studies during the summer months.

Article 6. Alterations in the Constitution.

Alterations in the Constitution shall be made on the approval of the majority of the members voting at a regular meeting, provided that those present represent at least one-half of the total member-

ship of the Union.

2. Notices of motion to amend the constitution must be given in writing at a previous meeting and the Secretary shall notify all members of the Union of the proposed amendments.

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Sir Robert Falconer,
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Dear Sir,

You will find enclosed a copy of the constitution of "The Graduate Students' Union of the University of Toronto. The graduate students desire it to be submitted for the approval of the Caput.

Kindly note particularly Article 5, Sections 2 and 3 of the constitution. Will action under these sections be permissable?

Yours very truly
Donald R. Cowan
Secretary
Graduate Students' Union.

~~Pres.~~

Lecture of Adamschulz
Science Building
for Grad Students
at 8 o'clock on
Sunday.

December 30th, 1918

H. S. Cowan, Esq.,

Secretary, Students Graduate Union, University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Cowan:

I have your letter enclosing a copy of the constitution of the Graduates Student Union of the University of Toronto which I will submit to the Caput.

With regard to article 9 I am not sure how far you would have power to demand a levy on the members of the Union inasmuch as it would be conceivable that a small group of the Union might involve the group in more expense than would have been approved if there had been a total vote of the Society.

As to articles 2 and 3 I should have to submit it to the Bursar as well as to see whether he will take charge of any funds that you may have.

With regard to the records of the Union I should suppose that they could be deposited elsewhere than in the Library, and I will speak to the Registrar to see whether he would not keep the records for you during the summer.

I shall be glad to see you when you return as to the possibility of securing some room such as you suggest.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 20th, 1919

Mr. Donald G. Cowan,

Secretary, Graduate Students' Union,

Knox College, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Cowan:

At a meeting of the Senate held to-day the Constitution of the Graduate Students' Union was approved.

Yours Sincerely,

President.